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1. MISSION INFORMED DIRECTOR ICRC LEGAL DIVISION PILLOUD
THAT USG HAS CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE,
NAMELY PROFESSOR RICHARD BAXTER, AND WE URGED ICRC TO
SUPPORT BAXTER FOR THIS POST.

2. PILLOUD'S IMMEDIATE REACTION WAS THAT BAXTER HELD IN HIGHEST
ESTEEM BY ICRC AND HE OPINED THAT BAXTER WOULD BE IDEA
CHOICE FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE. HOWEVER,
PILLOUD HASTENED TO EXPLAIN THAT MATTER BEYOND ICRC'S CONTROL
AND RATHER MORE IN HANDS OF SWISS GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES
WHO TAKING INTERALIA GEOGRAPHIC AND POLITICAL FACTORS INTO
CONSIDERATION IN PLANNING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS.
NONETHELESS, PILLOUD AGREES ICRC WOULD TAKE ALL POSSIBLE
MEASURES VIS-A-VIS GOS TO PROMOTE BAXTER FOR THIS POST.
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